Central Sector Scheme for Production of Vegetables

2091. SHRI AHMED MOHAMMED BHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central Setor Scheme for production and supply of vegetable is being implemented during 1992-93 in continuation of Seventh Five Year Plan Scheme;

(b) if so, to what extent the programme undertaken under Seventh Five Year Plan in the Scheme has been helpful to the farmers;

(c) whether the outlay for implementation of this Scheme was fully utilised;

(d) whether in 1993-94 the Scheme is continuing;

(e) what are the details of the proposed steps being taken up; and

(f) to what extent the Scheme is helpful in regard to the States of Madhya Pradesh/Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The production of vegetables which was 439 lakh tonnes during 1989-90 was raised to about 505 lakh tonnes in 1991-92 with the implementation of the scheme.

(c) About 88 per cent of released fund were utilised during Seventh Plan.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The proposed steps in the scheme are distribution of vegetable seed minikits, production of vegetable hybrid seed in private sector and production of foundation seed by State/UTs under Public Sector.

(f) The scheme is helpful in increasing production of vegetable hybrid seed, foundaion seed and vegetables in the states of M.P. and Gujarat.

Target production of cotton

2092. SHRI AHMED MOHAMMED BHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether during 1991-92, the production target of cotton was 9.1 million bales;

(b) if so, whether this target has not been achieved;

(c) whether the target for 1992-93 has also not been achieved;

(d) whether from 1987-88, 100 per cent assistance was provided by the Central Government and the same from 1993-94 has been changed to 75.25 between the Central Government and State Government; and

(e) if so, the main reason for the reduction and to what extent to target of 9.20 million bales for 1992-93 was achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The production target of cotton during 1991-92 was 12 million bales against which 9.7 million bales production was achieved.

(c) The achievement of cotton production during 1992-93 was 11.6 million bales against the target of 12 million bales;

(d) Central Government provided 50 per cent financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Intensive Cotton Development Programme to the States from 1987-88 to 1991-92 and from 1992-93 the Central assistance has been raised from 50 per cent to 75 per cent.

(e) The Central share was not reduced but raised as indicated in part (d) of the reply and achievement of cotton production during 1992-93 against the target has been indicated in part (c) of the reply.